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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GREEK ATTENDANCE AT NATO SUMMIT AND SSOD

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1. THE MFA INFORMED US TODAY THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS
WILL DEPART ON MAY 27 FOR WASHINGTON TO ATTEND THE NATO
SUMMIT. HE IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY ON JUNE
3 TO ATTEND THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WHICH HE
WILL ADDRESS JUNE 5. THE PRIME MINISTER IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN
TO GREECE ON JUNE 6.

2. ACCOMPANYING CARAMANLIS WILL BE NEWLY-APPOINTED FOREIGN
MINISTER GEORGE RALLIS, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL BYRON THEO-
DOROPOULOS AND MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
JOHN TZOUNIS.

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3. AMBASSADOR ANGELOS CHORAFAS, DIRECTOR OF THE MFA DIRECTORATE
FOR NATO AND CSCE AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS GREEK NATO PERMREP
LAGAKOS AND HIS DEPUTY ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON
FOR THE NATO SUMMIT. AMBASSADOR TONY NOMIKOS, MFA DIRECTOR
FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, AND YANNIS SOULIOTIS, SPECIAL
ADVISOR ON DISARMAMENT, WILL ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION AS EXPERTS
ON SSOD. ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL ASSISTANTS FROM THE PERSONAL

STAFFS OF BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND OF FOREIGN MINISTER RALLIS
WILL PROBABLY TRAVEL WITH THEM.

4. IN RESPONSE TO PARA TWO REF A, WE HAVE ALREADY RECOMMENDED
A PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN CONNECTION WITH
THE NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON (ATHENS 3174 EXDIS). IF THAT
MEETING IS ARRANGED IT WOULD OBVIATE THE NECESSITY FOR A VANCE/
CARAMANLIS MEETING RELATED TO THE SSOD. HOWEVER, A MEETING
IN NEW YORK BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE NEW GREEK FOREIGN
MINISTER WOULD PROVIDE A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GET BETTER
ACQUAINTED AND TO REITERATE OUR VIEWS ON BILATERAL AND REGIONAL
ISSUES AT A HIGH LEVEL.
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